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I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1108 (1997) of 22 May 1997, by which the Council extended the mandate of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO) until 30 September 1997.

The tour of duty of Major-General Jorge Barroso de Moura (Portugal), who has been serving as Force Commander of MINURSO since 30 November 1996, will come to an end on 31 July 1997. Following the usual consultations, it is my intention to appoint Brigadier-General Bernd S. Lubenik (Austria) to the post of Force commander of MINURSO, with effect from 1 August 1997.

I would be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kofi A. ANNAN

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